

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Aarto Parén, et al )  
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For: METHOD FOR REDUCING THE EXTRACTIVES )  
CONTENT OF HIGH-YIELD PULPS AND )  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING BLEACHED )  
HIGH-YIELD PULPS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.